

Wilmington Wire Community E-Newsletter July, August, September 2022



A SUMMER OF MUSIC

CONCERTS IN THE PARK RESUMES
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Town Offices Closed

The Town Office Building will be closed on the following holidays:

Independence Day	Monday, July 4, 2022
Day by Selectmen	Monday, August 22, 2022
Labor Day	Monday, September 5, 2022



Town of Willington Office Building Contacts

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40 Old Farms Road, Willington, CT 06279 – www.willingtonct.org

Business Hours: Monday 12:30 PM to 7:30 PM & Tuesday through Friday 9:00 AM to 2:00PM



Please welcome the Town of Willington's Newest Employees!

Richene Ference, Account Analyst

Ivan Ruhnke, Assistant Transfer Station Operator

Heather Sharpley, Payroll/Personnel Coordinator

We wish you a long and happy career with the Town of Willington!



Boards & Commissions – Meeting Calendar – July August September 2022

Board/Commission	Day	Date	Time
Board of Education	Tuesday	July 12, 2022	7pm
Board of Education	Tuesday	August 9, 2022	7pm
Board of Education	Tuesday	September 13, 2022	7pm
Board of Finance	Thursday	July 21, 2022	7pm
Board of Finance	Thursday	August 18, 2022	7pm
Board of Finance	Thursday	September 15, 2022	7pm
Board of Selectmen	Monday	July 5, 2022	6:30pm
Board of Selectmen	Monday	July 18, 2022	6:30pm
Board of Selectmen	Monday	August 1, 2022	6:30pm
Board of Selectmen	Monday	August 15, 2022	6:30pm
Board of Selectmen	Monday	September 6, 2022	6:30pm
Board of Selectmen	Tuesday	September 19, 2022	6:30pm
Conservation Commission	Wednesday	July 20, 2022	7pm
Conservation Commission	Wednesday	August 17, 2022	7pm
Conservation Commission	Wednesday	September 21, 2022	7pm
Economic Development	Wednesday	July 13, 2022	6:30pm
Economic Development	Wednesday	August 10, 2022	6:30pm
Economic Development	Wednesday	September 14, 2022	6:30pm
Historical Society	Tuesday	July 19, 2022	7pm
Historical Society	Tuesday	August 16, 2022	7pm
Historical Society	Tuesday	September 20, 2022	7pm
Housing Authority	Monday	July 18, 2022	4pm
Housing Authority	Monday	August 15, 2022	4pm
Housing Authority	Monday	September 19, 2022	4pm

Boards & Commissions – Meeting Calendar cont.

Inland Wetlands/Watercourses	Monday	July 25, 2022	7:30pm
Inland Wetlands/Watercourses	Monday	August 22, 2022	7:30pm
Inland Wetlands/Watercourses	Monday	September 26, 2022	7:30pm
Library Board of Directors	Monday	July 11, 2022	7pm
Library Board of Directors	Monday	August 8, 2022	7pm
Library Board of Directors	Monday	September 12, 2022	7pm
Parks & Recreation	Monday	July 25, 2022	7pm
Parks & Recreation	Monday	August 29, 2022	7pm
Parks & Recreation	Monday	September 26, 2022	7pm
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	July 5, 2022	7:30pm
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	July 19, 2022	7:30pm
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	August 16, 2022	7:30pm
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	September 6, 2022	7:30pm
Planning & Zoning	Tuesday	September 20, 2022	7:30pm
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thursday	July 14, 2022	7:30pm
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thursday	August (no meeting)	7:30pm
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thursday	September 8, 2022	7:30pm



Dear Willington Residents,



Summer is in full swing here in Willington, I hope you are enjoying the outdoors and warmer temperatures.

While many of the town's boards and commissions take time off over the summer, other boards and our town departments remain very productive to support ongoing needs and services. The Public Works Department is particularly busy this time of year. Our crew will be chip sealing several roads in the coming months along with road improvements on Moose Meadow Rd and the regular maintenance that comes with summertime. Willington Parks and Recreation is keeping busy with the popular Wednesdays-in-the

Park Summer Concert Series and Summer Camp. Hall's Pond is open and ready for swimmers to cool off this summer.

The Town Office Building is open 12:30-7:30 p.m. on Mondays and 9-2:00 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. I try to be available during office hours or by appointment. Please stop in to share your ideas and concerns as we begin to plan farther into the future. Otherwise, I hope to see you out and about in Willington!

Erika G Wiecewski

Town of Willington, First Selectwoman



The Board of Assessment Appeals will hold a session to hear appeals of 2021 Motor Vehicle Values on Monday, September 19, 2022 @ 40 Old Farms Rd, Willington, CT from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Those aggrieved by the assessed value of their motor vehicle listed on the 2021 Grand List may attend. No application is necessary.

Office of the Assessor
LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Connecticut General Statute 12-40, all persons who are liable to pay taxes on tangible personal property belonging to them on October 1, 2022 are hereby notified that they must file a declaration of their personal property on or before November 1, 2022, with the Assessor, or be subject to an estimated assessment and the statutory 25% penalty.

Various exemptions are explained on the declaration and available if filed on time.

NO DECLARATION IS REQUIRED FOR MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN WILLINGTON CT

NO DECLARATION IS REQUIRED FOR REAL ESTATE

Personal property includes, but is not limited to, unregistered motor vehicles (including junk autos), campers, all business machinery, equipment, tools, commercial furniture and fixtures.

DEFECTIVE CONCRETE

Applications and Engineer Evaluation forms to request reassessment of residential property due to defective concrete are available in the Assessor's Office and on the Town of Willington website. Please note, these forms must be accompanied by an Engineer's report. For additional information, contact the Assessor's office @ 860-487-3122 or Nsnyder@willingtonct.gov .

Filing deadlines for various exemptions and classifications for the 2022 Grand List are as follows:

PUBLIC ACT 490

All applications for classification of forestland must be received by October 1, 2022. All applications for classification of farmland and open space must be received by October 31, 2022.

VETERANS

All property owners claiming exemption due to military service must file their DD214 form with the Town Clerk by September 30, 2022. Discharge paperwork is only filed once.



Veterans claiming disability exemption must submit proof from the Veterans Administration. PA 85-573 allows veterans an additional exemption if their income is within the approved limits. This application must be filed by October 1 bi-annually.

DISABILITY

Persons totally disabled receiving SSD benefits may be eligible for a \$1000 property exemption. Proof of award and application must be submitted by October 1, 2022.

HOMEOWNERS & TOTALLY DISABLED

Residents 65 years of age or totally disabled may be eligible for a tax credit on real estate; income guidelines apply and are adjusted each year. You must request an application in February 2023 and file it on or before May 15, 2023.

RENTERS

Residents 65 years of age or totally disabled may be eligible for the State Renters Rebate Program. Guidelines and applications will be available from the Human Services Department between April 1 -October 1.

Nicole Snyder
Assistant Assessor
860-487-3122 / Nsnyder@willingtonct.gov



CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS

Many Thanks to “Friends” of Fenton-Ruby Park this Spring!

In early April, the Public Works crew used their heavy equipment to reinstall the viewing platform on the beaver pond which had been pushed up onto land during the heavy rainstorms and flooding last summer. All set now for great views and fishing!



Pippin.

The Park has seen increase use due to the pandemic. In late April, members of Willington Boy Scout Troop 82 assisted the Conservation Commission to haul building materials and repair two bridges on Julia’s Trail. They also enjoyed two nights of special permit camping in the Park.

Photo L to R: Scoutmaster Ken Fluet, scouts Colin Galligan, Mike Pippin, Alex Cook, Tyler Parent-Cummings, Ryan Sepe, Dan Conde, and Leader Len

On May 14th, members of Willington Girl Scout Troop 67079 installed a Pollinator Garden in the park’s picnic area as part of their Silver Award project. Over 40 native perennial and annual flowers were planted to support local pollinators, including bees, butterflies, and moths that depend on native plants. Tri-County Greenhouse in Mansfield supported the project by providing plants at a significant discount. *Photo L to R: Molly Bedan, Connie Bedan (scout leader), Kirstie Farrar, Maren Farrar, Bella Medeiros, Angel Medeiros, Helena Prytko and Hanna Prytko (scout leader).*





On June 4th, *Barbara Austin* (formerly B. Clark), long-time resident and environmental educator, led 14 participants on a nature walk along the Taylor Pond Trail. She enthusiastically shared her vast knowledge about the diverse array of plants and animals that inhabit the park. Well-versed in wild edibles, she also invited participants to sample natural teas she made from black birch and sassafras trees, as well as a delicious dip made from sour cream, wild onions and other edible plants.

Also in May, trail stewards Josh Langevin and his daughter Elise as well as Kayne Graveline and his daughter Meadow spruced up the Weigold and Ruby trails.

Thanks everyone!



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Gardiner Hall Jr History Museum: Introducing EC-CHAP Assistant Director and Museum Curator

By: EC-CHAP



Ryan Elgin 1



Gardiner Museum Logo 1



A look inside the Gardiner 1

Please join us in welcoming Ryan Elgin who will be providing oversight and curation for the Gardiner Hall Jr History Museum!

Ryan is a recent graduate of the Eastern Connecticut State University with degrees in Psychology and Business Administration. He has previously served as a marketing intern at EC-CHAP, and is currently a member of the Strategic Planning and Marketing & Promotion Teams.

Ryan will begin his Board appointed position as EC-CHAP Assistant Director July 1, 2022. Among his duties, Ryan will oversee all Museum operations, collections, and programming.

You will be hearing more from Ryan through calls for artifacts, scheduling speakers for our Historical Lecture Series, and seeking collaboration through the post-pandemic reinstatement of EC-CHAP's "Synergistic Framework to Raise Historical Awareness".

For more information, please call 518-791-9474.



The Packing House – An Intimate Listening Room



The Eastern Connecticut Center for History, Art, and Performance, Inc. (EC-CHAP) represents an important cultural resource serving communities and visitors to Eastern Connecticut and beyond. EC-CHAP operates The Packing House performance venue, the Gardiner Hall Jr. History Museum, the Dye & Bleach House Community Gallery, and an Artist In Residence (AIR) Program.

The Center's purpose is to bring a heightened awareness to the significance of local history and preservation; provide an appreciation for the visual arts through education, creation and display; and offer performance events and opportunities for creative expression in music, film, dance, literature, and theater.

Our Performance Season extends from September through May. As we close our season for the summer months, we would like to thank all our patrons, sponsors, donors, members, volunteers, and artists who have continued to support us during this challenging year. We are sincerely grateful for your continued belief in our mission, and wish you a safe and healthy summer!

Please visit the EC-CHAP Calendar at www.ec-chap.org or www.thepackinghouse.us/upcoming at The Packing House for additional details, tickets, and a full schedule of events. If you have not subscribed to our newsletter please do so at: www.thepackinghouse.us.

SAVE THE DATES:

[PLEASE INCLUDE PHOTOS OF INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS WITH PERFORMANCE DATE IF POSSIBLE]

EC-CHAP Performance Series

SEPTEMBER 17, 2022: EC-CHAP Acoustic Artist Series: “*Twice Around*” (Folk / Indie). Doors: 7:00pm / Performance: 7:30pm

SEPTEMBER 24, 2022: EC-CHAP Collaboration: “A Benefit Concert for the People of Ukraine”. Doors: 6:00pm / Performances: 6:30pm to 9:30pm



EC-CHAP Film Series

EC-CHAP offers a monthly film screening of documentaries, shorts, animations, feature films, and original works by regional film makers.

Please visit the Calendar at www.ec-chap.org or www.thepackinghouse.us for program information, content, and trailers.

EC-CHAP Talent Showcase

EC-CHAP has been offering our monthly **Talent Showcase** since 2016. Our Talent Showcase was designed as a platform for local and regional artists to share their talents before a live audience. This is a free event, and as always, acoustic musicians, film makers, poets, comedians, jugglers, puppeteers, and creative artists of all ages are invited to perform.

We continue to offer our Talent Showcase at The Packing House at **7:00pm on every 2nd Wednesday of the month** (Doors open at 6:30pm). For information about how you can participate in the Talent Showcase, please visit www.thepackinghouse.us/upcoming or call 518-791-9474 to get placed on the schedule. Walk-ins are welcome time permitting.

The monthly Talent Showcase will resume **October 12, 2022**.

IN CLOSING...

Soft drinks and snacks available. Unless otherwise noted, we are pleased to offer our exclusive "BYOB&F"™ model - Bring Your Own Beverage & Food (Wine & Beer Only - I.D. Required). You can also bring your paid ticket to Willington Pizza House (or WP Too) for eat-in or take-out the night of the show and receive 15% off your meal purchase. Ask for "The Packing House" pizza! Click [HERE](#) for secret recipe.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.thepackinghouse/upcoming>.

Should you be interested in learning more about EC-CHAP, and how you can support your Willington based cultural organization through our volunteer, membership, and sponsorship programs, please visit www.ec-chap.org; email us at: info@ec-chap.org; or call: 518-791-9474.



Summer Exhibitions and Artist Residency



Dye & Bleach House Community Gallery

EC-CHAP is pleased to announce upcoming summer exhibitions at the Dye & Bleach House Community Gallery!



July 16 – August 20, 2022: *"Solo Works By Artist-In Residence Catherine Solar"*

September 3 – October 1, 2022: *"Solo Works by Nathaniel Read"*

The Dye & Bleach House Community Gallery open Saturday mornings from 10:00am to 12:00pm and by appointment. The Gallery is located at 156 River Road, Willington, CT 06279. For information, please call 518-791-9474, or visit www.ec-chap.org.

EC-CHAP Artist-In-Residence

Since 2017, EC-CHAP has offered annual Artist Residencies for artists of various genres. This one-year Artist-In-Residence offers studio workspace, promotion, and solo showings or performance opportunities.

EC-CHAP is seeking serious artists to apply for a one-year residency beginning **February 1, 2023**. Interested artists should apply on line at: www.ec-chap.org/artist-in-residence. For additional information or answers to questions, please call 518-791-9474.



Fire Marshal

During the pandemic The Open Burning Official had been issuing Burning Permits verbally. Unfortunately, this procedure has ended. The actual Open burning Permit form is again being used, in this change, you'll need to follow this procedure.

There is no cost for this permit.

Most permits can now be obtain by simply e-mailing me at dpalmer@willingtonct.gov requesting an Open Burning Permit. I will e-mail you this blank permit. Once you completed the top portion, you'll need to return this back to me. I will then complete this form, highlighting the burning index web site, and a number to call prior to burning, back to you. If you can't complete this e-mailing procedure, then call my office at 860-429-7757, and we'll make arrangements to meet with you, in order to complete this form.

So far this procedure has worked well; we may through time need to adjust this. Please allow yourself plenty of time in your burning activity.

Historical Society



Springtime in Willington in Years Past

History at Work!

Please join us for one of our monthly meetings this summer at the Glazier Tavern.

Tuesday, July 19th @ 2:30 pm

Tuesday, August 16th @ 2:30 pm

Tuesday, September 20th, time TBD, Annual Meeting at Town Office Building

Website: <https://willingtonhistoricalsocietyct.org/>

Facebook: Willington Historical Society

Email: willingtonhistoricalsociety@gmail.com



Department of Human Services

Human Services Department

(formerly known as Youth, Family and Social Services)

Willington Senior Center

20 Senior Way, Willington, Connecticut 06279

Tel. (860)429-8321 Email: jarpin@willingtonct.gov

Jennie A. Arpin, M.P.A., Director

Nancy J. King, Assistant

FOOD PANTRY- The Willington Food Pantry offers canned and dry goods, seasonal vegetables, and eggs to Willington residents in need. Hours are Monday evenings from 4pm to 6 pm and Fridays from 10am to noon.



MOBILE FOODSHARE- Please note NEW LOCATION!~ Bringing produce, breads, and on occasion, meats and more to Willington residents. The Foodshare truck comes every other Wednesday from 11-11:30 at the Town Office building, 40 Old Farms Road. All are welcome! Please remain in your vehicles for the safety of our volunteers.



UTILITY ASSISTANCE – We can help our residents with their utility bills! If you are having a hard time making ends meet, please contact our office for more information on programs that can assist your family.



DRIVE THROUGH FOOD DISTRIBUTION – Offering food, household items, and masks for adults and children, FREE for all residents! Swing by the Senior Center the 4th Friday of every month between 10am and 11am- please bring your ID.



RENTERS REBATE TIME –Elderly or disabled people who rented in 2021 are invited to contact our office to apply for Renters Rebate, a state tax abatement program which can provide a payment of up to \$700 for those who qualify. Contact our office for more information.



BACK TO SCHOOL –Beginning August 1, we will be accepting applications for our Back to School assistance program. Partnering with the Salvation Army, every year we are able to assist our residents in need with much needed school supplies, backpacks, shoes, and more! Please contact this office for more information or to apply.



WE ARE SOCIAL! –Be sure to “Like” Willington Human Services on Facebook! We are also now on Twitter and Instagram! Keep up with our events, programs, and happenings. Thanks for your interest and support!



We are still feeling the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in this community. If you would like to assist us helping others, please consider a donation to our department. Your donation will go to the program for which you specify (Fuel Bank, Food Pantry).

We appreciate any and all monetary or food donations.



Willington Public Library
7 Ruby Road, Willington, 860-429-3854, willingtonpubliclibrary.org

About our Guinea Pig OLLIE

For those who don't know Ollie or who have never had the pleasure or honor of meeting or visiting with him, was a member of our library family, friend to our patrons, and mascot, for the last seven years. It is with great sadness to announce, that our library family, lost the littlest of it's members, on Tuesday, June 14th. Our library Guinea pig, friend and mascot, passed away at the age of eight years old. Ollie was one years old when he came to us from the Newington Humane Society. Although they usually don't let people adopt a single Guinea pig on it's own, simply because they are social animals who do better in a herd of two or more, they gave him to us because he would be in a setting, where he would get plenty of attention from people...And he did! Ollie had been happy ever since and so to, us! As they say, the rest is history. How fortunate we were indeed to have had the pleasure and honor of enjoying, caring for, and loving, such a unique and special little creature. **Thank you, Ollie! We will miss you.**

For all who cared, loved, and enjoyed him, in one way or another, thank you! **A special thank you** to the **Friends of WPL**, who helped care for him, by supply the funds, for all of his needs.

If you would like to make a special donation in Ollie's memory, please feel free to do so. Please know, that it is appreciated and that it would be used in some special way, in his honor and memory. Thank you.

Summer Reading Program

Come on in, there's lots to do at the Library!
Saturday, June 25 - August 13, 2022

- 8 weeks of fun and learning
- Everything is FREE
- Registration begins Saturday, June 25th
- Everyone is welcome to participate.
- Drawing tickets for prizes, will only be awarded to Willington residents.
- **THREE ways to EARN tickets to win prizes: 1) Attend "ANY AND ALL" library programs** during this 8 week program period, whether new to the SRP or ongoing and existing programs, that are already in place here at the library. **2) Meet your Reading Challenge** for your age/grade level logs. **3) Participate in our Museum and Attraction Passes Program.** For every pass you borrow, earn another ticket for everyone in your party who meets the passes requirements for going.



- **Where registering** for a program **is required**, you may call in at... 860-429-3854.
- You may only enter to win the prizes, in your age or grade appropriate level.
- Please keep in mind, that all books, must be age or grade level appropriate.
- **Reading Challenge: to earn tickets for prizes**, you must follow the guidelines set below for your age or grade level. **To earn 1 ticket for...**

Babies & Toddlers: every 50 minutes you are read to

Pre-School: every 75 minutes you are read to

K-2 grades: every 10 books you read or are read to

3-5 grades: every 3 books you read

6-8 grades: every 3 books you read

9-12 High School: every 3 books read

Adults: every 2 books you read

Remember, READING is the real REWARD!

Library patrons who register for the summer reading program will receive a book log to take home based on their age or grade level. Once the book log has been completed, patrons must return the log to the library circulation desk in order to receive a raffle ticket.

SRP Kick-Off: Saturday, June 25th at 1:00 pm. **Bob Bloom and “Drumming About YOU!”** at 1:00 pm. EVERYONE plays! To be held outside, weather permitting. If not, it will be indoors in the Community Room. For ALL ages - kids to elders! Come and earn a ticket!

Our one and only Willington Girl Scout Troop #67079 will be doing a presentation on **Pollinator Gardens** here at the library on Tuesday, June 28 at 6:30 pm. Please come out and support their efforts with earning one of their badges. Discover ways to be a pollinator protector. Find out about issues affecting pollinators. Learn about the Pollinator Pathway. Learn about pollinator gardens and how their troop can help you create one. As with all of our programs during the eight weeks of Summer Reading, when you come to one of the many programs being offered, you can earn a ticket for attending. Come and earn a ticket!

Thursday, June 30 at 6:30 pm - **Living History** with local U.S. Navy Veteran, Theodore Urbanski. Come and hear stories about **“Life Aboard a U.S. Naval Ship”**. Learn about the use of and make a Monkey Fist. For ALL ages! Come and earn a ticket!



Our Great American Film Noirs Movie Series:

Showing on the first Friday of every month at 12:30 pm, on our BIG screen. **Registration is required.** Come and earn a ticket!

- July 1st - Impact (1949) 111m. Unsuspecting businessman Walter Williams is the target of a plot by his scheming wife Irene. She and her paramour Jim Torrance plan to dispose of her inconvenient husband by orchestrating a car “accident”. Starring Brian Donlevy, Helen Walker, and Tony Barrett. Directed by Arthur Lubin.
- August 5th - Detour (1945) 67m. Al Roberts' life takes an unexpected and unpleasant turn when he decides to hitchhike to the West Coast in pursuit of his girlfriend Sue. When the driver who gave him a ride turns up dead, Al decides that the police won't believe his innocence and decides to dispose of the body. Starring Tom Neal. Directed by: Edgar G. Ulmer.
- NO showing in September due to our annual Book Sale in the Community room.

Every first Saturday of every month, we enjoy a **Family Story and Craft Time** from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Join us on, July 2nd and August 6th, during summer reading and every month after, for some FUN! The theme of our books and crafts will be about celebrating America and her summertime holidays. Come and earn a ticket!

Saturday, July 2 at 12:30 - 2:30, will be **Ollie's Day**: A day for celebrating our library's Guinea pig Ollie, who passed away on Tuesday evening, this July 14th. We are all very sad for our loss. In the seven years with us, he brought so much joy to all. Come see what's popping up in Ollie's Garden, learn about gardening, planting, Guinea pigs and more, through playtime, stories, and crafts! It will be a wonderful and fun time for sharing memories about everything Ollie. We hope you will stop by and participate in some small way. Come and earn a ticket!

Tuesday, July 5 at 6:30 pm - **Music Sound Off** with Mrs. T. We will learn many different things about sound. What is sound? How does the sound get from your ears to your brain? Is there sound in Space? Activity: Fun with sound! Come and earn a ticket!

Thursday, July 7th - **A DAY of MUSIC...Come Sound With Me!** Join Edie Jemiola, Sound Healer. Come and play the many different instruments of sound used for fun and healing. Hands on and Experiential. Come and earn a ticket!

Groupings:

1:00 pm..Grades K-3 (with parents/guardian)

3:00 pm...Grades 4-8

6:00 pm...Grades 9-12 plus college (Young Adults)



Willington Public Library Programs cont.

As part of our Summer Reading Program, you are invited to check us out and join in, on our **Adult Book Club**, which meets every first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Join in and earn a ticket!

- July 7: “The Only Woman in the Room” by Marie Benedict
- August 4: “The Daughter’s of Sparta” by Claire Heywood
- September 1: “The Watchman of Old Cairo” by Michael David Lukas

Something new for our littlest ones...a story and playtime for children 0-2 years of age called **Bright Beginnings**. This group will meet every other Friday morning from 9:00 - 10:00 am, beginning on July 8 and 22 and August 5 and 19. Come and earn a ticket!

Think about joining our **Eastern CT Writer’s Group** which meets on the second and fourth Saturday of the month, 12:30 -2:30 pm. This group is for aspiring and advanced writer’s who are working on a novel, novella, or collection of short stories or poetry. If interested in attending, contact Felix Giordano at...felix@jbnovels.com. July 9, 23, August 13, 27, and September 10 and 24. **Registration is required.** Come and earn a ticket!

Saturday, July 9 at 10:00 am - **Tree Talk** with Mrs. T. (outside, weather permitting otherwise in the Community room) We will learn about trees and how they react to each other. Can trees talk to each other? Why are trees important to us? Activity: Make Sun Prints. Come and earn a ticket!

Second Tuesdays of the month...“**Pokemon Club**”. We will meet during summer reading, on Tuesday, July 12, and again on August 9, from 6:30 -7:30 pm. There will be trading and game playing! Come and earn a ticket!

Sound Healing Meditation classes meet at 7:00 pm in the Community room. These classes are for adults. Come and earn a ticket!

Scheduled days:

In July: Thursday, 14th and Tuesday, 19th

In August: Tuesday, 9th, Thursday, 25th

Nothing in September due to Annual Book Sale

In October: Tuesday, 7th, Thursday, 20th

Saturday, July 16: “**A Day of Arts & Crafts**”. There will be a variety of crafts (4 for the day), to be made, one on the hour, starting at 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, and 1:00pm. Pick and choose or come for them all. Check back with us for the selections being offered.

Come and earn a ticket!



On the third Saturday of every month, we have a wonderful program called **“Paws and Read with Willow”**. Willow is a Therapy Dog with “Cold Noses, Warm Hearts”. Willow loves company and being read to. She loves visiting library and would love to meet YOU! Come and tell or share a story with her. It begins at **1:00 pm** and there are **15 minute time slots** open. An adult must accompany the child. **Registration is required**. Sign-up for: **July 16, August 20, and/or September 17**. Come and earn a ticket!

Thursday, July 21 at 6:30 pm - **A special LIVE Zoom Event with CT Author Matthew Rainbard, and his new book, “Lead Like a Pro”**. This talk is designed specifically for athletic coaches to provide them with functional leadership knowledge and teach them techniques they can use to practice the best leadership style and behaviors that align with their personal values and beliefs. With each passing year athletic coaches are asked to take on increased leadership responsibilities for their athletes and team. However, they don’t have the opportunity to receive the necessary coach-related leadership education and training. This is for them! Attend and earn a ticket!

Saturday, July 23 at 10:00 am - **Today's Dinosaurs** with Mrs. T. We will learn all kinds of fascinating facts about dinosaurs, then and now. Did all the dinosaurs die out? What dinosaurs are still living today? Activity: Fun with Masks. Come and earn a ticket!

Saturday, July 23 at 1:00 **“StoryFaces” with Christopher Agostino**. StoryFaces is an exciting and unusual storytelling show in which volunteers are brought on stage and face painted to illustrate stories as Christopher tells them, captivating the audience with folktales and his uniquely animated original stories. You will be AMAZED! Come and earn a ticket!

Tuesday, July 26 at 6:30 - **Author Marty Podskoch** is back for another great **presentation, “Connecticut Civilian Conservation Corps Camps”** - It’s history, memories, and legacy. Celebrating the 85th Anniversary of their founding. Join us for another captivating presentation. Come and earn a ticket!

Saturday, July 30 at 10:00 am - **A Children’s Paint Event**. Create on canvas, a Tape Resist technique “Initial” Art Project. A young persons version, of the adult paint night. Recommended for 6 years and older. **Space is limited! Registration is required**. Come and earn a ticket!



Family Movie Time: last Saturday of every month at 12:30 pm on the BIG screen! Come earn a ticket!

Showings:

- July 30: “Turning Red” - 1h, 36m, rated PG
- August 27: “Sonic Hedgehog 2” - 2h, 2m, rated PG
- NO showing in September due to our annual Book Sale

Every Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm **“Yarn & Thread” Group** meet in the Reading Room. Times during summer reading will be: June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26, and August 2 & 9. Come and sit a spell while you enjoy some time working on your own project. Attend and earn a ticket!

Tuesday, August 2 at 6:30 pm - **Living History** with local U.S. Naval Veteran, Theodore Urbanski and **“The Job of a Naval Seaman Signaller”**. Learn about the history of communication and the many different techniques that were used during war and peace times. This program will be interactive and participatory. Children will also be able to make a pair of binoculars. Something for EVERYONE! Come and earn a ticket!

SRP Grand Finale: Saturday, August 13th with **“Horizon Wings” Raptor Rehabilitation & Education** at 10:00 am. Did you ever wish you could experience the thrill and excitement of being up close to a magnificent eagle, hawk, falcon, or owl? Well, this is your opportunity! Come and earn a ticket!

Come, see, and enjoy the beautiful **Memorial Garden** that was created in memory of Claire Avery, a longtime teacher, former Library Board Director and Friend for many years. This garden represents her love of nature, reading, learning and teaching. Thank you to her family and the many who donated these funds, to make this project in honor of her. We have already seen hummingbirds visit!

A special “thank you” to Chris at **Tri-County Greenhouse**, in Mansfield; for his beautiful design and for his generous discount on plants (many were free!)

A special “thank you” to **Jen Krueger**, who has been busy landscaping the library’s grounds. Beautiful job, Jen.

Don’t forget that we host a **Learn to Knit** classes with instructor, Christine McCloskey, on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 12:00 - 2:00 pm. There is a cost of \$30 for the first class which includes all supplies, as well as one-on-one instructions. Each additional class is \$25.00. Class size is limited. **Registration is required.**



Willington Public Library Programs cont.

In September: **Annual BOOK SALE!** Begins Saturday, September 10th from 9:00 - 2:00 pm. More details to follow.

The Library now has mobile **HOT SPOTS** to borrow, for two weeks at a time, with your active library card.

Thank you to Margaret and Dave Gankofskie who continue to do a beautiful job with installing the pavers, for our Memorial entrance walkway.

Please continue to enjoy our regularly scheduled events and programs after our Summer Reading Program is over.

Have us come to you. For all Library related things, join our library E-Blast by calling at 860-429-3854, by coming in person to the library and signing up, or on our website link at www.willingtonpubliclibrary.org.

Al-Anon

Al-Anon Weekly Friday morning meetings, 10:00 - 11:00 am
In-person meetings. The wearing of masks is now your choice.

HAS YOUR LIFE BEEN AFFECTED BY A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND'S PROBLEM DRINKING? ARE YOU TROUBLED BY SOMEONE'S ALCOHOL USE?

- PLEASE TRY THE ALANON PROGRAM. IT CAN PROVIDE STRENGTH, HOPE AND SUPPORT AND SERENITY.
- AL-ANON IS BASED ON THE 12 STEPS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AND HAS BUT ONE PURPOSE: TO HELP PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY ALCOHOLISM.

Al-Anon is an anonymous fellowship for friends and families of alcoholics. We, who have lived with the problem of alcoholism, can understand and support one another to recovery. The loving interchange of help among members and from Al Anon literature has helped many to find solutions that lead to serenity.

Happy Summer. Be Safe!



Message from the Parks and Recreation Director

The warm weather is finally here and that means we have something fun for everyone. Summer camp will be starting soon with a lot of fun activities for the kids throughout the summer. We are also offering the special games camp to finish off the summer with some fun.

For the adults and families out there, Parks and recreation will be throwing our annual concerts in the park, every Wednesday starting the week of July 13th. We have many old favorites returning and it's sure to be an awesome time.

Lastly, if you're looking for a place to cool off this summer, don't forget about Halls Pond. Pond passes are available at the Parks and Recreation office.



We would like to give a special thanks to Linda Hothan and Dave Giller for their work at the Kevin Legare memorial along with the Willington Garden Club for their time in making the town look so amazing every year!

Have a happy and healthy summer!

Alan Humphrey
Director Of Parks and Recreation



WEDNESDAYS *IN THE* PARK

Willington's Summer Concert Series



July 13th Bruce John



July 20th Rock Solid Alibi

**July 27th Val Rogers & Her
Jazz Group**

August 3rd JLamm & Finn

August 10th Shed Rats

**August 17th Whiskey Wine &
Coke**

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze
-Jeffrey Gordon	-Baywood Kennels	-Franc Motors	-Steve & Laurie Arnold
	-C&T Electric Corporation	-Landon's Tire	-Hope & Wellness
	-Willington Termite & Pest Control	-Willington Pizza House	-Willington Republican Committee
	-King Energy, LLC	-Elegant Edge Hair Salon & Day Spa	-Tish & David Ignatowicz
			-Tony's Garage
			-Erika & Derrick Wiecewski





Please check the Elections Department's website for up-to-date voting event and voter registration information at willingtonct.gov/elections-department.

Upcoming voting events and deadlines:

- Tuesday, July 19 - absentee ballots become available for August 9 primaries; these are available from the Town Clerk (860.487.3121)
- Tuesday, July 26 - registration session for August 9 primaries; session to be held in Registrars' Office from 12 to 2 pm
- Thursday, August 4 - deadline for mail-in voter registrations for August 9 primaries
- Monday, August 8 - deadline for in-person registrations for August 9 primaries
- Tuesday, August 9 - Democratic and Republican State, District primaries*
- Tuesday, November 8 - State and District Election

*Only registered Democrats and Republicans are eligible to vote in primary

These voting events will be held from 6 am to 8 pm at the Town Office Building, Common Room, 40 Old Farms Road.

Registering to vote is available 24/7 online at voterregistration.ct.gov. If you have questions, our office hours are Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 pm. You may also call 860.487.3120 and leave a message.

Suzanne G. Chapman
Christine Psathas
Registrars of Voters/Elections Department





PROPERTY TAX BILLS HAVE BEEN MAILED

1st Installment Due by August 2, 2022

How can I pay My Bill?

The Revenue Office accepts cash, money orders or personal checks for payment at the office. If our office is closed, you can leave a check in one of our Drop Boxes located outside the front entrance of our building. Our mailing address is 40 Old Farms Rd, Willington CT 06279 if you want to mail in a payment, we would appreciate a contact phone number in the event we need to get in touch with you. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like a receipt mailed back to you. You may also pay online at www.willingtonct.org and click on the button that says **"OnLine Payments"**. There is a convenience fee of 2.95% for credit cards and \$1.95 for EFT. We also have a public kiosk at Town Hall for online credit/debit card payments. The same fees apply.

When is my Payment Due? When is it considered Late?

Payments due July 1, 2022 must be received, or postmarked, no later than August 2, 2022. Payments due January 1, 2023 must be received, or postmarked, no later than February 1, 2023.

Interest is charged at a rate of 1 ½% per month from the due date, with a minimum interest charge of \$2.00. ***Per §12-146, Interest cannot be waived.***

What am I being Taxed on?

You are being taxed on Real Estate, Personal Property and Motor Vehicles as of October 1, 2021.

Real Estate – All real property listed on the Grand List.

Personal Property – In the most general terms, personal property is everything subject to ownership, excluding land, any interest in land or any permanent improvement thereon. It is property that is not permanently affixed to or part of real estate. By its very nature then, personal property is moveable. This broad definition includes tangible items such as airplanes, campers, unregistered vehicles, items for business as furniture, fixtures, equipment, and animals.



Tax Collector cont.

Registered Motor Vehicles – Vehicles listed with the Department of Motor Vehicles are coded by tax town, and the Assessor is provided a list of registered vehicles annually. Willington's Town Code is 160.

All tax bills are mailed directly to property owners unless the Tax Collector receives specific instructions to send the bill to your bank or financial institution.

Real Estate and Personal Property tax totaling \$100 or more are due in two installments; July and January. Motor vehicle tax is due in one installment in July. Please note, we do not send out bills for the second installment in January. There is a stub on the July bills for the January payment.

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous summer! We look forward to seeing you in person once again.

Failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the tax or interest per CT State Statute.

Janice C. Clauson, CCMC
Revenue Collector
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Assistant Revenue Collector
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Happy summer!

It is still not too late to license your dogs! Please remember: Connecticut General Statute §22-342 denotes that every dog must be licensed annually. The fees are \$8 for each spayed/neutered dog and \$19 for each male/female dog. Please don't forget to include the additional \$1 penalty per dog for the month of July or each month thereafter. More information can be found at: willingtonct.org/town-clerk.

Speaking of dogs, we want to see our 4-legged licensed residents! Please send us a photo of your dog for our "dog wall" located near the service counter in the Town Clerk's office. The bulletin board gets a lot of attention when people come to conduct business and we love to show them off!

Veterans who served in the military during a time of war (or Active Military), and own property or motor vehicles in the Town of Willington may file their military discharge paperwork in order to be eligible to receive tax exemptions. The original DD214 (or a certified copy) must be filed with the Town Clerk, at which time an Armed Services receipt will be signed as well. The deadline to file is September 30th each calendar year. If you have questions regarding your exemption qualifications, please contact the Assessor's office at 860-487-3122.

We hope everyone enjoys their summer!

Robin Campbell, Town Clerk

Rachel Pierce, Assistant Town Clerk



Veterans Memorial Foundation

The Willington Veterans Memorial Foundation is new to Willington. The purpose and goals of the foundation will be to help maintain and support the patriotic display of flags, maintain the Veteran's Memorial and Memorial Honor Roll list (in front of the old town hall), coordinate with the town and VFW to get flags on the graves of veterans. To maintain a list of veteran's memorial pavers (Veterans Memorial by the Senior Center). To help coordinate the ceremonies for Memorial Day, Veteran's Day and other Patriotic Days that are chosen to celebrate.

Membership is open to all, with application fee of \$5 for lifetime membership. Membership applications will be available at the Senior Center, Town clerks office and the Library. To join contact: Joe Rondeau – President or Phil Monty – Secretary email: Willvetmemfound@gmail.com

The Foundations will promote the ideals of Patriotism and pride in the display of our National Flag. We currently display our countries flags at our municipal building, schools, cemetery's, town green, recreation field, and memorials, there has been little, or no oversight established to make sure the flags are displayed properly, that the conditions of the flags are maintained, and damaged flags replace and disposed of properly. The Foundation is in contact with the Scout troop, Cemetery Association, and other town groups to help with this goal.

The Foundation is in the process of identifying all Veteran's that are laid to rest in our cemeteries to ensure proper markers are on their graves and that they have flags of them for Memorial Day.

Please join us in support of the Foundation and its goals.

Sincerely,

Phil Monty

Willington Veterans Memorial Foundation



Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars



Renewable Scholarship Opportunity

Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars (WSFDFS)



- **Reminder** to first year post-secondary students:
Make sure to Apply Today for our Renewable Scholarship.

The deadline is June 15th.

- **Calling All New Donors:** Help Willington students succeed by donating whatever you can to the 2022 Willington Scholarship

Foundation Dollars for Scholars annual appeal drive.

Renewable scholarship recipient Kyle Timmer and WSF Director Paula King

- **Thank You!** To all who have donated to WSFDFS this year and over the years we appreciate your support.

To contribute:

Mail a check to: **The Willington Scholarship Foundation Dollars for Scholars; P.O. Box 194; Willington, CT, 06279** or

Text: WILLINGTONFORSCHOLARS to 44321. or

Donate online: at www.Willington.DollarsforScholars.org Click the "Donate Now" button on our homepage.

- And please consider joining our Team! We meet every third Monday at 7:00 pm upstairs in the Town Office Building Community Room. Due to COVID we are currently Zooming our meetings so just email us at Willington@DollarsforScholars.org if you'd like to join us!

